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arranged between the object (4) and the X-ray detector (8), said X-ray scatter grid is manufactured by a method comprising the steps of: extruding material strips exhibiting different properties so as to form the regions of said grid structure; and allowing at least one of the extruded material strips to expand in at least one direction such that at least one dimension of the at least one of the extruded material strips prior to extrusion is restored.

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Please add the following new claim:

7. A method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the extruded material strips travel in opposite directions.

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed on November 22, 2002. Claims 1-6 are pending in the application with Claims 1 and 6 being in independent form. By the present amendment, the specification, the abstract and Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. Claim 7 has been added. No new matter or issues are believed to be introduced by the amendments.

In the Office Action, the specification was objected to. The specification, and specifically, the abstract, has been amended in a manner which is believed to overcome the objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,866,265 issued to Reilly et al. on February 2, 1999 ("Reilly et al.").

Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to better define Applicants' invention and to overcome the rejection. Support for Applicants' amendments can be